

National Vaccine Advisory Committee

Report from the Chair

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Logistics

- Regularly scheduled NVAC meeting
 - Posted in Federal Register on January 18, 2011
- Agenda posted on the NVAC website
 - <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/index.html>
- Accessibility
 - In-person meeting
 - Electronic broadcast as webinar
 - Publicly available toll-free conference line to listen to the meeting
 - Webinar registration information and conference line dial-in numbers available on the “Upcoming Meetings” page of the NVAC website

Logistics (2)

- Public comment
 - Time available both meeting days
 - Not a question-and-answer or media session
 - If unable to provide comment at the meeting, written comments can be emailed to nvpo@hhs.gov
- Minutes are being taken and the meeting is being recorded
- Reminders for speakers
 - If seated at the table, ensure your microphone is on and you speaking directly into it
 - Public speakers should identify themselves

NVAC Membership

- Five new members
 - Seth Hetherington
 - Philip LaRussa
 - Walter Orenstein
 - Amy Pisani
 - Thomas Stenvig

Approval of prior meeting Minutes

- September 2010 in-person meeting

Recent Accomplishments

- “National Influenza Vaccine Policy Messaging” discussion at CIDRAP after-action review on H1N1 response
- Presentation to IOM Expert Panel on Access to Medicare Part D Routine Vaccines
 - Prior NVAC adult immunization financing recommendations
- “Strengthening the US Vaccine and Immunization Enterprise: The Role of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee” published in January/February 2011 issue of Public Health Reports

NVAC Meeting Follow-up

- Matrix of identified action items
 - 50 items since February 2010
 - 31 closed/fully completed
 - Addressing new asks to NVAC/partitioning to WGs
 - Health disparities
 - Health care worker vaccination
 - Healthy People 2020 goals
 - Seasonal influenza vaccination uptake
 - H1N1 VSRAWG meetings and reports

NVAC Meeting Follow-up (2)

- Matrix of identified action items
 - 50 action items since February 2010
 - 19 open/in progress
 - 1 addresses the final VSRAWG report
 - To be presented at this meeting
 - 12 are related to requests for information/briefings at future NVAC meeting
 - 2 are related to requests for recent reports by partners for distribution to NVAC
 - 4 are administrative in nature

Recent Charges to NVAC

- Requests from Assistant Secretary for Health
 - Healthy People 2020
 - Identify barriers, suggest solutions and monitor progress toward new goals
 - Full NVAC will participate in ongoing review
 - Health Disparities
 - Evaluate ways to reduce/eliminate health disparities, particularly as they relate to adult influenza vaccination
 - Incorporated into Adult Immunization WG ongoing activities
 - Hepatitis
 - Review and comment on materials from the Interagency Viral Hepatitis Working Group
 - Full NVAC will review materials when available

Recent Charges to NVAC

- Requests from NVPO
 - Influenza
 - Review the performance of the influenza vaccination program in the first year of the universal recommendation
 - Full NVAC to receive updates and provide evaluation
 - Examine the issues related to mandatory health care worker influenza vaccination
 - Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Subgroup of Adult Immunization Working Group created

Current Agenda Highlights

- National Vaccine Plan
- Influenza
 - Monitoring immunization in the first year of universal vaccination recommendation
 - HHS Inter-Agency Influenza Vaccine Task Force
 - Seasonal influenza vaccine safety
- Vaccine Safety
 - Update from Vaccine Safety Working Group
 - H1N1 Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment WG

Current Agenda

Highlights (2)

■ Adult Immunization

- Update from Adult Immunization Working Group
- Discussion of Adult Immunization Working Group draft report
- Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Subgroup update

■ Healthy People 2020

- Presentation of baseline data
- Discussion of addressing barriers to reaching HP2020 goals

2010 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

- Theme: A renewed focus on prevention
 - National Vaccine Program-related initiatives
 - Healthy People 2020
 - Response to H1N1 influenza
 - Passage of health care reform
 - Development of the National Prevention Strategy
 - Interagency Viral Hepatitis Working Group
 - Continued work to revise the National Vaccine Plan
 - NVAC Vaccine Safety Working Group
 - NVAC Adult Immunization Working Group

2010 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

- Emphasis on coordination
 - Need to build off of recent coordination and collaboration successes
 - Key focus of current NVAC working groups is increasing coordination among National Vaccine Program component entities
 - Potential for upcoming recommendations on increasing coordination

2010 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

- National Vaccine Program Goals for 2011
 - Release of the Strategic National Vaccine Plan
 - Completion of NVAC Adult Immunization Working Group report and recommendations
 - Completion of NVAC Vaccine Safety Working Group report and recommendations
 - Continued progress of the NVAC Adult Immunization WG Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Subgroup
 - Ongoing NVAC review of barriers to achieving Healthy People 2020 goals
 - Completion of review of influenza vaccine uptake in the first year of the universal vaccination recommendation

2010 State of the National Vaccine Program Report

■ Recommendation

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services should strengthen the role of the Interagency Vaccine Group and the Federal Immunization Safety Task Force, including the designation of subcommittees to address specific topics, to increase the level of coordination among Federal agencies involved in the National Vaccine Program, and to increase the effectiveness of the activities currently underway by the components of the National Vaccine Program.

Title XXI Public Health Service Act

Sec. 2102: National Vaccine Program

Responsibilities:

- 1) Vaccine Research
- 2) Vaccine Development
- 3) Safety and efficacy testing of vaccines
- 4) Licensing of vaccine manufacturers and vaccines
- 5) Production and procurement of vaccines
- 6) Distribution and use of vaccines
- 7) Evaluating the need for, the effectiveness, and adverse effects of vaccines and immunization activities
- 8) Coordinating governmental and non-governmental activities
- 9) Funding of federal agencies

NVAC: Future meeting dates

- In-person (2011)
 - June 14-15
 - September 13-14
- Tele-conference
 - As needed